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## Encouraging signs in the industry in the second half of the year 2009

Despite the general drop in leasing rates during 2009, encouraging signs appeared concerning utilization rates in the second half of the year. From June 30 2009 to December 31 2009, utilization rates for shipping containers increased from 87 % to 90 %. Furthermore, new railcar lease requests came in by year-end 2009.

The Modular Buildings market remained competitive during 2009 with contrasting trends in different regions (strong resistance in Germany, Belgium, and Poland, difficult situation in Spain and the USA, stiff competition in France and the Czech Republic). However utilization rates rose slightly by year-end as well.

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